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Dear Mr. Nelson:

Enclosed are five (5) copies each of two reports recently completed by Anaconda's consultants.

The report by Seegmiller International - HIGHWALL SLOPE STABILITY, NORTH PAGUATE AREA (Jan. 1983), updates information regarding safety and stability concerns of the North Pagate Pit wall. Please include this report in the EIS record.

The report by Dames & Moore - EVALUATION OF HYDROLOGIC EFFECTS RESULTING FROM PIT BACKFILLING JACKPILE-PAGUATE URANIUM MINE (March 1983), updates groundwater data relative to the mine area and specifically addresses the projected groundwater recovery elevations and the water quality resulting from recovery of groundwater into the backfilled pit areas. This report provides groundwater recovery elevations for the pit area based on more recently acquired data, a larger data base, and a more sophisticated method of analysis than data previously submitted to the Department of Interior by Anaconda regarding this topic. This new report supercedes previous groundwater data submitted by Anaconda.

The March 1982 Reclamation Plan contains the objective to protect groundwater quality by backfilling the pits to three (3) feet above the projected groundwater recovery level. Anaconda reiterates commitment to this objective and modifies the March 1982 Reclamation Plan in accordance with the projected groundwater recovery levels and the recommendations contained in this enclosed Dames and Moore Report. This commitment will result in backfill elevations different than those indicated in the cross-sections contained in the March 1982 Plan. The amended backfill elevations will correspond to groundwater recovery elevations as described in Case 3.5 of the enclosed Dames & Moore report.

Accordingly, please accept the enclosed Dames & Moore groundwater report and the commitments of this letter as amendments to the March 1982 Reclamation Plan.

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